

EDITORIAL COMMENT

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NO MORE EATLESS BANQUETS.

The attendance at the fifteenth annual banquet of the Athenaeum was the smallest on record and the success of the "eatless banquet" was disappointing. The literary program was unusually good, with some of the best speakers on, but the affair was listless and somber, in spite of the efforts of the orators to handle their subjects in a lighter vein. It is the first time that the attendance has fallen below 50, and it is not likely that the usual custom will again be departed from in the years to come.

Those present, in spite of the absence of "eats," were:

President and Mrs. John Stites, A. H. Eckles and Miss Flack, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McReynolds, Mr. Ira L. Smith and Miss Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Foster, Mr. W. O. Soyars and Miss Gaither, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Linton and Miss Garnett, Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Koffman, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Underwood, Dr. Austin Bell and Miss Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rives, Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Weathers, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Downer, Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Gaither, Rev. C. M. Thompson and Miss Helen Thompson, Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Blakey, Mr. and Mrs. Holland Garnett, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Starling, Mrs. F. P. Thomas and Miss Beth Thomas, Mr. M. E. Boyd and Miss Forbes, Messrs. Chas. M. Mencham, Pettus White, Jas. A. McKenzie, A. W. Wood, C. R. Clark, S. Y. Trimble and John C. Duffy.

The fighting for the last week has been for local positions. It has not yet touched the proportions of a major effort. It resembles the second stage of Verdun, after the great rush had come to an end. But must be reckoned as only a prelude to what is coming. When he gets more elbow room north and south, provided he does, the Kaiser will resume his drives on Amiens and Hazebrouck, with Abbeville and Calais—that is with the channel—as his ultimate object.

An American aviator has brought down the fourth German airplane along the American front northwest of Toul. Lieutenant James A. Meissner, whose home is Brooklyn, after a thrilling aerial battle at about 15,000 feet, shot down an Albatross scout which fell in flames. Lieutenant Meissner is 24 years of age and a graduate of Cornell. He went to France a few months ago and qualified as a pilot there.

The Germans have established military rule in Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, and have arrested a number of the members of the government on the ground that the government "had proved too weak to maintain law and order," according to a Berlin official statement. The Ukrainian government officials arrested included the minister of war.

The Finnish White Guards are said to be in possession of the whole of Finland with Russians concentrated on the frontier. War between Russia and Finland is among the possibilities.

Gavio Principe, the Serbian youth who killed the Austrian grand duke in 1914 and started the war, died in prison a few days ago of tuberculosis. He was given a ten-year sentence.

The opinion is daily growing stronger that the Kaiser started something on March 21st that he can't finish.

The shah of Persia has applied for \$100,000 of Liberty Bonds. The request reached the state department from Minister Caldwell at Teheran.

The Government on yesterday resumed the publication of the home addresses of men in the casualty lists from the front.

A Swiss spy named Nivergeld, was shot by a firing squad at Paris yesterday.

The Southern Baptist Convention meets at Hot Springs, Ark., May 15.

Italy has granted 18,000 Rumanian prisoners, conscripts of Austria, permission to fight with the Italians.

Kentucky Baptists will exceed their state quota of \$25,000 for missions.

HINDENBURG HESITATES

WET TOBACCO CUTS AVERAGE

LOOSE FLOOR SALES FOR SEASON NEARLY TWO MILLION POUNDS OVER 1917.

Notwithstanding the fact that much of the better grades of tobacco were offered the past week, the average was reduced considerably from the averages of several weeks previous. This lower average was caused by much wet tobacco being offered, which sold from 2c to 5c lower.

The sales for the season are nearly two millions pounds more than the deliveries to this date a year ago. Tobacco again went to \$22.50 which was the high mark for the week. For several days past the city has been full of tobacco wagons and farmers. This is shown very conclusively in the amount of sales for the week which amounted to 1,340,000 pounds. This made the past week one of the largest of the season. The average for this was \$13.84 as against \$14.07 for the season.

The Inspector reports the following:

Week ending May 2, 1918.

LOOSE FLOORS.

Sales for week.....1,340,000 lb

Sales for season.....16,880,345 lb

Sales this date, 1917.....14,947,785 lb

Average for this week.....\$13.84

Average for this season.....\$14.07

QUOTATIONS.

Trash.....\$10.50 to \$12

Common lugs.....\$12 to \$13

Medium lugs.....\$13 to \$13.50

Good lugs.....\$13.50 to \$14

Fine lugs.....\$14 to \$15

Low leaf.....\$14 to \$15

Common leaf.....\$15 to \$15.50

Medium leaf.....\$15.50 to \$17

Good leaf.....\$17.00 to \$19.00

Fine leaf.....\$19.00 to \$22.50

Wet tobacco 2 to 5 cents lower.

L. B. CORNETTE,

President Tobacco Board of Trade.

ANTI LOAFERS CLUB

WILL MEET THIS AFTERNOON

FOR PUSHING THE WORK

IN HAND.

The Anti-Loafers League of Christian county will hold its regular meeting this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. building.

The objects of the League, as has been previously stated, are to enforce the new laws enacted by the State Legislature, providing that all able-bodied men shall labor at some productive trade or occupation during the national emergency.

The League already has a large membership, composed of the most active and wide awake men of city and county, and numerous other new members are expected to present themselves at the meeting this afternoon.

Now as never before, no shirkers or loafers should be tolerated, and it is hoped by this organization that co-operation will result in putting the no-account vagrant to work, either in remunerative labor, or on the rock pile.

Copies of the law have been received and it will be explained to the organization this afternoon.

COULDN'T HOLD IT.

(By International News Service.)

London, May 3.—A reverse for the British in Palestine, following the capture by Australian troops of the town of Elsalt, is admitted in the war office statement. Nine guns and a number of horses were abandoned to the Turks, who attacked with a superior force. The British troops escaped. Reinforcements are being sent. Elsalt was defended by Turks and Germans. Thirty-three Germans and 317 Turks were taken prisoners by the Australians when they took the place.

A call has been made for 6,200 skilled men for May 17. Kentucky is included.

Eighteen killed, 8 died and 62 wounded were Thursday's casualties.

MASS MEETING AT TABERNACLE

MANY SPEAKERS WILL SPEAK WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO COLORED BOYS SUNDAY.

At 10 o'clock this morning 60 colored men will report to the Local Exemption Board and 35 will be selected to go to Ft. Wayne, Mich., Monday where they will be given special training by the government in the Aviation mobilization camp. These men will remain here over Sunday.

At a citizens' mass meeting held at Virginia street colored Baptist church last Monday evening, and which was very largely attended, a committee on program was appointed for a big mass meeting to be held at Union Tabernacle Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Mrs. M. E. Copeland and Mrs. L. A. Brent will have charge of the music and Rev. E. Williams will preside. The program follows:

Song, "America," by the choir; prayer by Rector J. R. Lewis; song "Battle Hymn of the Republic," led by the choir; introductory remarks, Rev. E. Williams; remarks by Walter Robinson; Prof. L. R. Posey and by Phil H. Brown; song, "Red, White and Blue," solo and chorus; Remarks C. W. Merryweather and J. L. Allenworth; song, "The Star Spangled Banner," led by eight voices; remarks by H. S. Smith, J. T. Whitney, C. R. Clark and Rev. John Pope. Remarks will be limited to five minutes each. The concluding song will be "God be With You Till We Meet Again."

There is no doubt that the Tabernacle will be filled to overflowing by persons who wish to manifest their interest in these men and wish them good luck and a speedy march to victory.

The white citizens of the city and county are specially urged to be present and encourage these men by letting them know that we will look to them to do their duty, and being Uncle Sam's boys no fears are felt as to how they will perform when given a chance.

PURELY PERSONALS.

L. M. Shepherd, of St. Joseph, Mich., once a popular Hopkinsville business man, was here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Fears and child left the first of the week for Herrin, Ill., where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Helen Bennett is critically ill and her son, Garnett Bennett, of Nashville, arrived yesterday to be with her.

Mrs. Mary Callia, who went to Morganfield Thursday as a delegate from the Westminster Presbyterian church to attend the Presbytery, will return home tonight.

Miss Mattie Poindexter gave up her position as teacher in a school in Louisiana and went to Washington Monday to take a government position.

Miss Lulu Lee Berry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Berry, will arrive home tonight from Murfreesboro, Tenn., where she has been engaged as teacher of voice and violin in the city schools.

Jewell W. Smith, who recently returned from Tampa, Fla., where he spent the winter for his health, will leave at 5:29 this afternoon for Ridgely, Tenn., accompanied by Mrs. David Smith, his mother, and Miss Johnnie Brasher, a sister-in-law and trained nurse. He will enter a sanitarium where he will remain indefinitely.

WAIF NOW MISS LIBERTY.

(By International News Service.)

Greenwich, Conn., May 3.—Shrieking whistles were announcing the fact that Greenwich had "gone over the top" in the Third Liberty Loan when Bill O'Brien found a deserted, well-dressed baby girl under a bridge. He adopted her and named her Miss Liberty.

NOT ANXIOUS TO SEND HIS REMAINING LEGIONS INTO THE JAWS OF DEATH--WHILE HE IS TRYING TO MAKE UP HIS MIND, THE ALLIES ARE GETTING BUSY.

(By International News Service.)

London, May 3.—This has been another day of "resting up" and preparing for a new battle in the west which is expected to break into flames any moment. The Germans launched no infantry action of any consequence, but their heavy artillery displayed more than average activity in several sectors, particularly in Flanders. The French and British in successful local raids improved their positions due east, as well as southwest of Amiens, the French capturing Hill No. 82 and the Wood bordering on the Aves river.

London, May 3.—Cooperating with the French in local fighting south of Villers-Bretonneux, nine miles east of Amiens, the British last night took

some prisoners, an official night report from Field Marshal Haig announces. For to-day, only artillery activity is reported.

Berlin's Claims.
Berlin, May 3.—The repulse of Allied attacks south of Villers-Bretonneux and on the west bank of the Aves, is claimed by the official German day communiqué. Counter attacks by the Germans netted prisoners. Artillery duels "in isolated sectors" and reconnaissances are reported in the statement.

Only Big Guns.

Paris, May 3.—There was no infantry action on any part of the French front today, official night communication says, but artillery was active.

QUARTER OF A MILLION MORE MEN

ANOTHER BIG ARMY TO MOBILIZE THE LAST DAYS OF THE PRESENT MONTH.

(By International News Service.)

Washington, May 3.—Two calls for a total of 239,949 draft men were issued by Provost Marshal Crowder today. The calls include 233,742 for general military service and 6,207 men skilled in occupations needed for several branches of the army. The men included in today's general call will entrain during the five days period beginning May 25.

They will come from all the States, special call men will mobilize May 8 and 17. The aggregate number of draft men now ordered into military service during May is 303,577, special general classes.

BODY BLOW TO SELLERS

(By International News Service.)

Washington, May 3.—Federal Trade Commission today dealt a body blow to certain manufacturers in fixing the resale price of their goods. In the first formal finding on this point the commission announced that it would issue complaints against all business concerns who refuse to sell unless the purchaser will agree to maintain the resale price fixed by the seller. The case before the commission was a complaint against Chester, Kent and Co., of Boston, manufacturers of proprietary medicines and was ordered to stop the practice of fixing the resale price of its products.

TO VOTE THIS AFTERNOON

(By International News Service.)

Washington, May 3.—The Senate agreed unanimously this afternoon to vote at four o'clock tomorrow on the conference report which eliminates the French amendment, which allows criticism of war work, when such criticism is delivered without malice.

FRANCE SPURNS PEACE TALK OF AUSTRIA

(By International News Service.)

Paris, May 3.—The foreign affairs committee of the chamber of deputies, according to Lematin, after hearing statements of Ex-Premier Painleve and Ribot, unanimously agreed that it was not feasible to attempt to enter into negotiations with Austria-Hungary, as a result of Emperor Charles' letter concerning peace and the legitimacy of France's war aims. Some members however suggested that an effort be made to discover exactly what the Austrian Emperor was "driving at."

SKY THE LIMIT LEGISLATION

(By International News Service.)

Washington, May 3.—The Navy as well as the Army may raise as large a force under the administration's military expansion plan as Secretary Daniel thinks necessary. "The lid is off" so far as Congress is concerned. Following the detailed developments of Secretary Baker's tremendous program, word reached the capitol that the Navy Department would ask the same "sky the limit" Legislation as has been framed for the Army.

NO LACK OF LOYALTY HERE

(By International News Service.)

Washington, May 3.—Upon receipt of information from the state department that his father has been living in Germany since the declaration of war, George Ehret, Jr., of New York, reported all his father's property, valued at \$40,000,000 to the alien custodian.

DONATED TO ORPHANS.

An embroidered centerpiece donated to the French and Belgian Relief Fund by Mrs. Walter E. Howe was raffled off at Kolb & Howe's jewelry store yesterday. It was won by No. 3, held by Mrs. Elliott Barker. It was valued at \$5.00.

Robert Smith, clerk in the Kolb & Howe store, has donated an embroidered luncheon set of 13 pieces valued at \$25, which will be disposed of the same way, 100 tickets being sold at 25 cents each.

INSTITUTE IS ADJOURNED

CHRISTIAN CHURCHES HAVE SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS AT 9TH STREET CHURCH.

Hopkinsville was host this week to about 75 delegates assembled here in a church institute and representing the Christian churches of 17 counties from Christian to Hancock and from Allen to Union.

These delegates were all entertained in the homes of the citizens of Hopkinsville and Christian county. Most of these delegates left yesterday for their homes as they adjourned at 12 o'clock noon.

NOT A CANDIDATE.

Editor Kentuckian:

I have learned that my name is being used in connection with the contest for school trustees in the city Saturday. This is without my knowledge or approval. I am not a candidate and if elected could not accept the position of trustee. My friends are asked not to regard me as a candidate and not to vote for me. I was called here the first of the week by the last illness and death of my mother and will not be home Saturday.

LORENZO K. WOOD,
Princeton, Ky., May 3, 1918.

WAR WORKMEN STRIKE.

Five hundred cranes at the plant of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y., yesterday struck for higher wages. Within three hours 1,500 other workmen quit. The plant is working on war contracts.

FOLLOWING THE FLAG.

J. T. Cannon received word yesterday that his brother, Memucan Cannon, had made a safe arrival in France. Memucan Cannon is a First Lieutenant.

Joe Randle, an employee in the office of Forbes Mfg. Co., and a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Randle, of this city, went to Evansville yesterday to enlist in the Navy.

Rev. Thomas Chapman has been advised of the safe arrival of his son, John A. Chapman, overseas. He was a soldier at Camp Meade, Md., in the 154th Depot Brigade. Mr. Chapman has another son, who is at Panama.

Five Hanbery brothers have eight sons in the service. Dan W. Hanbery, of this city, has two sons, Ruel and Rex in the Navy; Oscar Hanbery's son Paul is in a training school at Indianapolis; Jack Hanbery, of Enid, Oklahoma, has three sons, Jim, Kent and Webber in the army, and Gordon Hanbery's son, Carter, is already in France.

Wm. Jones, who was wounded in France Feb. 26, has written his parents that he has returned to duty. He writes: "I will try and write a few lines to let you know I am getting along fine and am back on the old job doing whatever I can. I am still alive and am going to try and give them a little more before anything else happens to me."

Dennis Shaw received his orders from Washington last Tuesday to report to the nearest recruiting station for examination and enlistment as an army field clerk. He left for Louisville Wednesday night, stating that if he should pass the examination at Louisville he would proceed to Washington for a further examination.

JUST A LITTLE MORE PUSH

WILL PUT THE BOND TOTAL OVER THE TOP AT \$600,000.

This is the last day for buying Liberty Bonds and only a few more thousands are needed to reach the goal of \$600,000 in Christian county, which the committee set out to gain.

The total, according to Chairman T. J. McReynolds, is now more than \$590,000. President Wilson's personal appeal to the people to join him in buying "one more bond" has met with success and several persons yesterday hunted up the committeemen to buy one more.

Any of the banks will receive subscriptions, or T. J. McReynolds or G. L. Campbell will also take them. A little more push, and a little more pull is all that is needed to go "over the top."

RAMMED A SUB.

A British freight steamer, fresh from the yards of her builders, celebrated her maiden trans-Atlantic voyage by running down and sinking a German U-boat off the Irish coast, her crew reported upon their arrival on this side. The freighter was equipped with the latest anti-submarine devices, which proved very effective.

The submerged came to the surface suddenly a short distance off the ship's bow and was caught by the British helmsman's quick work almost before the U-boat commander could puzzle out through the foggy water markable camouflage whether she was going or coming. Members of the crew who were on deck described the ripping sound made as the submarine was torn apart and told of the quantities of oil which marked the spot where the U-boat went down.

HOSPITAL HAPPENINGS

TWO YOUNG LADIES OPERATED UPON FOR APPENDICITIS.

Dan E. Wiley, of Nortonville, died at the Jennie Stuart Hospital, yesterday, of peritonitis, following an operation on April 25 for a chronic bladder trouble. He was a miner, 36 years old. The body was shipped to Nortonville for interment.

Miss Margaret Hord underwent an operation for appendicitis Thursday night and was critically ill following the operation, but was better tonight.

Miss Elizabeth Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Carter, was operated upon Thursday night for appendicitis. The operation was successful and her condition is satisfactory.

TENNESSEE COLONEL KILLED.

Lieut. Col. Richard H. Griffiths, commanding a battalion of infantry, has been killed by shell fire in Picardy. He emerged from a dugout just as a German shell arrived and exploded directly in front of him. Lieutenant Colonel Griffiths was with the Fourth Tennessee volunteers in the Spanish-American war and later with the Thirty-seventh volunteers. He served also as major in the Philippines constabulary. He was appointed a major in the national army after resigning from the British army. His widow is a Red Cross nurse.

THE MESS IN RUSSIA WORSE

(By International News Service.)

London, May 3.—Twenty thousand prisoners were taken by the German and Finnish troops in a five days' battle at Lahti and Tavastehus, the Russian office announced to-night. The German troops were "overwhelmingly defeated," it is asserted.